REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 46, 47, 52, and 65. Support for these amendments can be found in the original claims and in the Specification. Claims 1-14, 16, 17, 22-25, 30-36, and 38-66 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-14, 16, 17, 22-25, 30-36, and 38-66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have addressed each of the typographical errors identified by the examiner. See subparagraphs 4a-c, e-l, n, p and q in the Office Action at pages 3-4. With respect to the phenyl substituents, the phrase "at each occurrence, phenyl is optionally substituted with..." modifies all the substituents of formula I that contain a phenyl moiety, e.g., R_6 and R_7. See subparagraphs 4d and 4m of the Office Action. Claims 1 and 47 have been amended to supply antecedent basis for $-CH_3$ and $-CF_3$ as possible phenyl substituents. See claims 19 and 58. Reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-14, 16, 17, 22-25, 30-36, and 38-66 are now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully request. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made"**.

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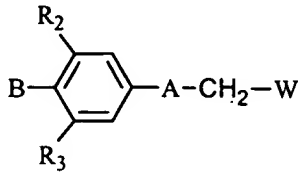
1. A compound of formula I



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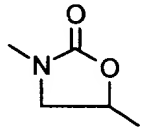
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

A is a structure ii



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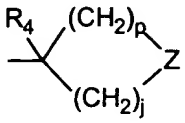
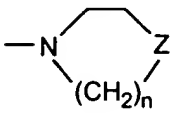
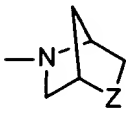
B is

(a)  ,

(b)  , or

(c)  ;

W is NHC(=X)R_1, or -Y-het; [provided that when A is a structure iv, W is not –Y-het;]

X is O, or S; provided that when X is O, B is not the subsection (b)[.];

Y is NH, O, or S;

Z is S(=O)(=N-R_5);

R_1 is

(a) H,

(b) NH_2,

(c) NHC_{1-4}alkyl,

(d) C_{1-4}alkyl,

(e) C_{2-4}alkenyl,

(f) OC_{1-4}alkyl,

(g) SC_{1-4}alkyl, or

(h) $(CH_2)_p$ C_{3-6}cycloalkyl;

at each occurrence, alkyl or cycloalkyl in R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more F, Cl or CN;

R_2 and R_3 are independently H, F, Cl, methyl or ethyl;

R_4 is H, CH_3, or F;

R_5 is

(c) $C(=O)C_{1-4}$alkyl,

(d) $C(=O)OC_{1-4}$alkyl,

(e) $C(=O)NHR_6$, or

(f) $C(=S)NHR_6$;

R_6 is H, C_{1-4}alkyl, or phenyl;

at each occurrence, alkyl in R_5 and R_6 is optionally substituted with one or more halo, CN, NO_2, phenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, OR_7, **[C(=O)R^7]** **C(=O)R_7**, $OC(=O)R_7$, $C(=O)OR_7$, $S(=O)_mR_7$, $S(=O)_mNR_7R_7$, $NR_7SO_2R_7$, $NR_7SO_2NR_7R_7$, $NR_7C(=O)R_7$, $C(=O)NR_7R_7$, NR_7R_7, oxo, or oxime;

R_7 is H, C_{1-4}alkyl, or phenyl;

at each occurrence, phenyl is optionally substituted with one or more halo, **CF_3, CH3,** CN, NO_2, phenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, OR_7, **[C(=O)R^7]** **C(=O)R_7**, $OC(=O)R_7$, $C(=O)OR_7$, $S(=O)_mR_7$, $S(=O)_mNR_7R_7$, $NR_7SO_2R_7$, $NR_7SO_2NR_7R_7$, $NR_7C(=O)R_7$, $C(=O)NR_7R_7$, or NR_7R_7;

het is a C-linked five- (5) membered heteroaryl ring having 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and nitrogen, or het is a C-linked six (6) membered heteroaryl ring having 1-3 nitrogen atoms;

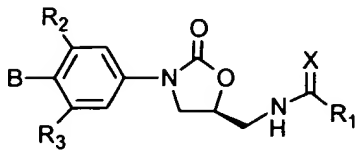
p is 0, 1, or 2;

j is 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5; provided that **[k and j] j and p** taken together are 2, 3, 4 or 5;

m is 0, 1, or 2;

n is 2 or 3; and ----- in structure iii is either a double bond or a single bond.

2. A compound of **[formula I which is a compound of formula IA:]** claim 1 having the formula IA:



IA.

46. A compound of claim 2 which is

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-(acetylimino)-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)acetamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-(acetylimino)-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-{[(methylamino)carbonyl]imino}-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-[(methoxycarbonyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-[[(ethoxycarbonyl)methyl]imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-{[[(4-nitrophenyl)amino]carbonyl]imino}-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer ;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-[(aminocarbonyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-[[(aminocarbonyl)methyl]imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-[((5*S*)-3-{3-fluoro-4-(1-[(methoxycarbonyl)imino]-1-oxido-1λ^4, 4-thiazinan-4-yl)phenyl}-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl]propanethioamide;

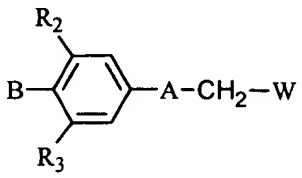
N-[((5*S*)-3-{3-fluoro-4-(1-[(methoxycarbonyl)imino]-1-oxido-1λ^4, 4-thiazinan-4-yl)phenyl}-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl]cyclopropanecarbothioamide ;

N-[((5*S*)-3-{3-fluoro-4-[1-[(methoxycarbonyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl}-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5- yl)methyl] cyclopropanecarbothioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-[((5*S*)-3-{3-fluoro-4-[1-[[(phenylmethoxy)**[carbnonyl]**carbonyl]imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl}-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl]acetamide, *Z*-isomer; or

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-**[Fluoro]** **fluoro**-4-(1-{[(benzylamino)carbonyl]imino}-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)acetamide, *Z*-isomer.

47. 1. A compound of formula II



II

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof wherein:

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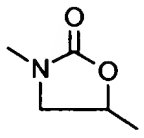

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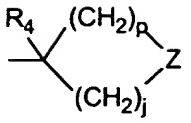
B is



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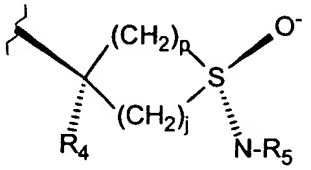
W is NHC(=X)R_1, or -Y-het; **[provided that when A is a structure iv, W is not –Y-het;]**

X is O, or S; **[provided that when X is O, B is not the subsection (b).]**

Y is NH, O, or S;

Z is S(=O)(=N-R_5) and the B ring has the following stereochemistry



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R_1 is

(a) H,

(b) NH_2,

(c) NHC_{1-4}alkyl,

(d) C_{1-4}alkyl,

(e) C_{2-4}alkenyl,

(f) OC_{1-4}alkyl,

(g) SC_{1-4}alkyl, or

(h) $(CH_2)_p$ C_{3-6}cycloalkyl;

at each occurrence, alkyl or cycloalkyl in R_1 is optionally substituted with one or more F, Cl or CN;

R_2 and R_3 are independently H, F, Cl, methyl or ethyl;

R_4 is H, CH_3, or F;

R_5 is

(a) H,

(b) C_{1-4}alkyl,

(c) $C(=O)C_{1-4}$alkyl,

(d) $C(=O)OC_{1-4}$alkyl,

(e) $C(=O)NHR_6$, or

(f) $C(=S)NHR_6$;

R_6 is H, C_{1-4}alkyl, or phenyl;

at each occurrence, alkyl in R_5 and R_6 is optionally substituted with one or more halo, CN, NO_2, phenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, OR_7, **[C(=O)R^7]** **C(=O)R_7**, $OC(=O)R_7$, $C(=O)OR_7$, $S(=O)_mR_7$, $S(=O)_mNR_7R_7$, $NR_7SO_2R_7$, $NR_7SO_2NR_7R_7$, $NR_7C(=O)R_7$, $C(=O)NR_7R_7$, NR_7R_7, oxo, or oxime;

R_7 is H, C_{1-4}alkyl, or phenyl;

at each occurrence, phenyl is optionally substituted with one or more halo, **CF_3, CH_3**, CN, NO_2, phenyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, OR_7, **[C(=O)R^7]** **C(=O)R_7**, $OC(=O)R_7$, $C(=O)OR_7$, $S(=O)_mR_7$, $S(=O)_mNR_7R_7$, $NR_7SO_2R_7$, $NR_7SO_2NR_7R_7$, $NR_7C(=O)R_7$, $C(=O)NR_7R_7$, or NR_7R_7;

het is a C-linked five- (5) membered heteroaryl ring having 1-4 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and nitrogen, or het is a C-linked six (6) membered heteroaryl ring having 1-3 nitrogen atoms;

p is 0, 1, or 2;

j is 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5; provided that **[k and j]** **j and p** taken together are 2, 3, 4 or 5;

m is 0, 1, or 2;

[n is 2 or 3;] and ----- in structure iii is either a double bond or a single bond..

52. The compound of claim 47 wherein R_1 is cyclopropyl.

65. A compound of claim 47 which is

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-imino-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)acetamide (Z)-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-imino-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)ethanethioamide (Z)-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-imino-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide (Z)-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-imino-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)cyclopropanethioamide (Z)-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-(acetylimino)-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)acetamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-(methylimino)-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-(acetylimino)-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-(ethylimino)-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-[(phenylmethyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-[(3-phenylpropyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-{[(methylamino)carbonyl]imino}-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-[(methoxycarbonyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-[[(ethoxycarbonyl)methyl]imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-(1-{[[(4-nitrophenyl)amino]carbonyl]imino}-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer ;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-[(aminocarbonyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-[[(aminocarbonyl)methyl]imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-[(2-hydroxyethyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)propanethioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-fluoro-4-[1-(methylimino)-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)cyclopropanecarbothioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-[((5*S*)-3-{3-fluoro-4-[1-[(methoxycarbonyl)imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl}-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl]cyclopropanecarbothioamide, *Z*-isomer;

N-[((5*S*)-3-{3-fluoro-4-[1-[[(phenylmethoxy)**[carbnonyl]**__carbonyl__]imino]-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl]phenyl}-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl)methyl]acetamide, *Z*-isomer; or

N-({(5*S*)-3-[3-**[Fluoro]** __Fluoro__-4-(1-{[(benzylamino)carbonyl]imino}-1-oxidohexahydro-1λ^4-thiopyran-4-yl)phenyl]-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl}methyl)acetamide, *Z*-isomer.